



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY 2012***

**WHEREAS, *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* was first held on October 10, 2001 to deliver messages to the public about major causes of traffic fatalities and their avoidance, and to advocate improvements to traffic safety laws; and**

**WHEREAS, traffic crashes have claimed more than 30,000 lives in Florida in the last 10 years; and**

**WHEREAS, securing children in a correctly installed child safety seat is one of the most important things we can do each day to protect a child's life, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and**

**WHEREAS, booster seats for children who outgrow their forward facing car seats increase a child's chance of surviving a car crash injury-free; and**

**WHEREAS, spinal cord damage, internal bleeding, brain trauma, and possible death are more likely in crashes that involve young children who are unrestrained or not restrained in the appropriate child safety seat for the child; and**

**WHEREAS, children age 12 and younger should sit in the back seat of a vehicle; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's children deserve to be protected; and**

**WHEREAS, October 10, 2012 is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* and the State of Florida is proud to participate in this nationwide effort to reduce fatalities on our roadways;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 10, 2012 as *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* in Florida and call upon all residents to help save lives by safely restraining our children and by sharing these important messages with family, friends, and co-workers.**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand twelve.

  
Governor